



City of Wichita

# Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

November 2005

## Patrol South & Graham Central feed 200 families

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### Special points of interest:

The Range qualified nine retired officers in

November to legally carry handguns.

Officer Dwain Diehl and members of the 24 beat team organized a Thanksgiving turkey dinner giveaway.

Graham Central Station raised the money and purchased the food, and Officers identified needy families and helped with

On Nov. 20, Graham Central Station employees arrived with the food, and between 1 and 3 p.m. those employees and Officers distributed the meals.

Each meal that the Patrol South Officers

and Graham Central Station provided included a turkey, stuffing, a vegetable and cranberries.

WPD staff who participated included: Chief Norman Williams, Capt. John Speer, Lt. Steve Kenney, Sgt. Jeff Pike, Officer Dwain

Diehl, Officer Maurice Floyd, Officer Lisa Rollins, Officer Lenny

**Chief Williams, Capt. Speer and Officer Floyd bag up food items.**

distribution. This was the fifth year for this event, and 200 families were fed on

Thanksgiving as a result. "Each year, citizens in our community struggle during the holiday season to put food on the table for their families. We know this by the requests that the Police Department receives for services around this time of year," said Officer Diehl.



**Officer Wylie visits with a child who resides in the Patrol South area.**



**Officer Stevens helps carry food items for citizens.**



**Employees of the Wichita Police Department and Graham Central Station distributed food baskets on Nov. 20.**

Rose, Officer Ernest Sharp, Officer Bill Stevens, Officer

Sara Voyles and Officer Ginny Wylie.

## November brings plenty of food



**Capt. Felecia Norris and Lt. Guy Schroeder pose for the camera during their holiday lunch at Patrol North.**



**Officer Jesse Hill and Officer Stella Boyd take a break to enjoy holiday pizza.**



**Capt. Terry Nelson had Thanksgiving dinner catered in by Syl's for Patrol West staff.**

## Department says goodnight to "Sandman"

**By Sgt. Brian Sigman**

The Wichita Police Mounted Unit unfortunately lost a veteran member of the Unit on Nov. 20, 2005.

"Sandman", otherwise known as "Sandy," died of apparent natural causes at the Wichita Riding Academy where the Mounted Unit's stables are located.

Sandy had been with the Unit since 1992 and was a donation by Lynn Davis, a local mounted unit supporter. Sandy was one of the original horses on the Unit and at the time of his death was 29 years old, but was still actively being used and was very dependable.

He was last assigned to Officer Chris Welsh and Detective Kent Boal of the Unit, and just prior to that he was assigned to Officer Lori Cundiff.

Sandy was one of the tallest horses on the Unit standing at 16.1 hands and he weighed approximately 1,100 lbs.

He was usually a crowd favorite when on assignments due to his gentle nature and the fact that he loved to jump any obstacle that he was put up against in training.

Sandman will be missed by the current and past members of the Unit who had the opportunity to ride on or with him.



**Officer Dave Wertz and Sandman.**

Sandy was a good addition to the Unit when he arrived in 1992, and was still a good mount even 13 years after.



## Did You Know.....

During the month of November, WPD members received 60 CPRs that were generated internally and 54 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened six external complaints on members of the Department during November. There were 21 internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of November, Field Services personnel issued 5,229 moving citations and 1,128 parking citations.

The Northeast Heights Neighborhood Association wrote to Chief Williams: "NEHNA really appreciates Officer Paul Kimble. He's the best community police officer since Donnie Phelps."

Detective Anna Hatter worked a case where a man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old niece. Sentencing was held in Judge Kennedy's court on Nov. 17 and the offender was sentenced to 640 months.

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Detective Kelly Mar was assigned a case in which a 33-year-old male was charged with five counts of rape and four counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and his 33-year-old wife was charged with two counts of child endangerment. The charges stemmed from the man engaging in sex acts with his 14 and 15-year-old daughters. The 14-year-old is pregnant for the second time by her dad and indications are the 15-year has had a pregnancy terminated in which the suspect was the dad. Several EMCU detectives and social workers assisted with this investigation.

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Officer Sandy Mackey responded to a burglary at Messiah's Branch Homeless Shelter at 801 W. Maple. Taken in the burglary were several TVs. Officer Mackey

took the initiative and located an anonymous donor, who donated a big screen TV to the shelter. Later that day, Officers Mackey, Brian

Wright and Brian Goward delivered the TV to the shelter. This event was publicized on Channel 12



The new SWAT truck is on-line and making calls as necessary. Universal Products of Goddard has donated the graphics for the exterior.

news later that evening.

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Through November, the Awards committee has approved 437 awards. Of those, 349 went to Field Services, 68 to Investigations and 20 to Support Services. More than half of those, 59 percent, were for traditional policing work; 41 percent were for community policing.

## Law Enforcement Memorial Fundraising Continues

Detective Kelly Otis and Detective Dana Gouge, Homicide Section, are helping raise funding for the Law Enforcement Memorial in a creative way.

With the approval of the LEM Committee, the two WPD detectives are collecting donations for the Memorial. For every \$70 donation, the person will receive a shadow box displaying five his-

torical WPD badges (pewter replicas).

The detectives are asking for a \$20 deposit and anticipate that the first shipment of shadow boxes should be available around the end of January.

All proceeds are going to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial.



## Radar Officer solves robbery with quick follow up

Radar Officer Mike Cathey was working a traffic assignment on Oct. 24 around 9 a.m. when an armed robbery call came out at the Burlington Coat Factory, 8225 E. Kellogg.

The suspect vehicle was described as a small black or dark blue car with no tag. Even though he was not sent on the call, Officer Cathey diligently responded to the area and began checking apartment complexes in the area.

He located a small dark blue

car at 9400 E. Lincoln that was backed into a parking stall in the lot of an apartment complex. Officer Cathey took the time to get out of his car and look to see if it had a tag on it. It in fact did not have a tag but he could see the tag was lying on the back seat upside down.

During the robbery the victims were held at knife and gunpoint, then maced in the face. Officer Cathey was able to see a knife in the back seat, as well as a can of mace. He did some follow-up and

contacted the apartment manager and found out one of the suspects lived in a nearby apartment and it was later determined he was the vehicle owner's son.

Two suspects were located and interviewed and evidence from the robbery was located. Detective Chris Zandler commented on the outstanding work done by Officer Cathey and contributed the solving of this case to the work Officer Cathey did at the scene.

## Sequence of events results in \$100,000 recovery

More than \$100,000 worth of stolen wire was recovered by Officer Dwain Diehl and Officer Randy Williamson in November.

While checking his MDT, Officer Diehl noted that an auto theft recovery was being worked at a business in the 2300 block of S. Mead. He knew that this location was the scene of previous thefts and recoveries of stolen wire and contacted officers on the scene,

been recovered and linked to a burglary.

Around noon, Officer Diehl received a phone call from a concerned citizen who reported that the neighbors had brought in a "bunch of wire" and the situation appeared suspicious.

Officer Diehl pulled the original case from EJS and noted that Shelley Electric had reported more than 1,000 rolls of assorted wire stolen in a burglary on Nov. 5, and he then headed to the 1700 block of South Waco to investigate the suspicious activity.

He requested the assistance of Officer Williamson in checking the area, and upon Officer Williamson's arrival, he observed a flat-bed trailer, which contained numerous roles of spooled wire.

Officer Diehl contacted a woman who resided at the address and requested permission to enter the residence. While clearing the residence, Officer Diehl observed a receipt for 1,702 lbs. of wire sold to Kansas Can

earlier that day.

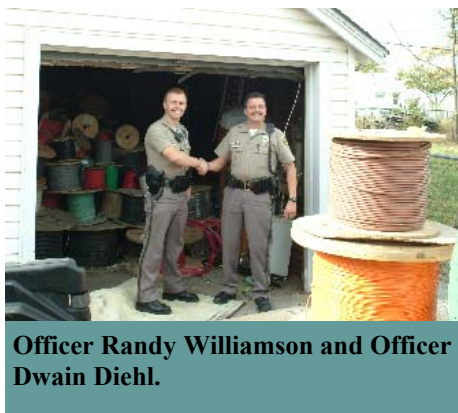
Officer Diehl obtained a written waiver for the residence and located a stolen trailer full of wire and additional spools of wire in the garage. The wire and trailer were identified as belonging to Shelley Electric.

Information from the investigation eventually led to a pick-up being issued for a suspect for burglary and theft.

Officer Diehl's actions, attention to crime trends and relationship-building with the community helped him connect a burglary on the west side with the recovery of a vehicle on the south side.

His relationship with the community resulted in a citizen calling him to report suspicious activity. Officer Diehl pooled all the information, past and present to lead to the recovery of \$100,000 in wire and the arrest of a Burglary Suspect.

Officer Williamson assisted in recovery and subsequent prosecution of the suspect.



Officer Randy Williamson and Officer Dwain Diehl.

who advised that a Freightliner stolen from Shelley Electric, had

## City Hall Security project on schedule

The City Hall Security and Atrium expansion project is currently on schedule according to Lt. Jeff Weible, Special Operations.

As a part of the security upgrades at City Hall, a new Security Section is being created.

In November, Charles "Chuck" Quinn was hired as the supervisor of that section. Mr. Quinn has an extensive law enforcement background having worked for

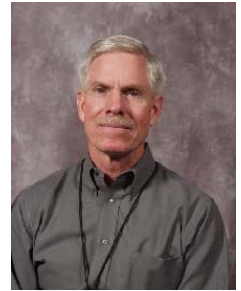
more than 30 years for the Secret Service.

Seven of the nine armed security officers have been hired. WPD employees selected to be a part of the Security Section include: Kristie Dick, Louis Hazel, Clayton Haselhorst, Debra Miller, Paul Schmidt, Daisy Shira and Michael Koehn.

Other security personnel are Jason Bryant, John Shenk, Mary Butler, Anthony Rodriguez, Debra

Taylor and Frank Blake.

The entire compliment of security officers and security screeners are expected to be on board and in training by early January.



Chuck Quinn

## Two retire from Department in November



**Officer Chris Doyle, and his family, accept his retirement badge and plaque from Chief Norman Williams and Lt. Steve Kenney during a retirement party on Nov. 18.**

Officer Chris Doyle took a medical retirement due to an on-duty injury he sustained after being hit by a drunk driver.

Officer Doyle had been on the Department for more than 14 years and was last assigned as a Beat Coordinator in the Patrol South Bureau.

Chris will be missed by the Department and by all the businesses in Old Town.



**Capt. John Speer, Chief Norman Williams, Sgt. Richard Hill and Deputy Chief Tom Stolz eat pizza at Sgt. Hill's retirement party on Nov. 10.**

Sgt. Richard Hill retired from the Department in November to pursue a career as a fraud investigator for the state of Texas.

Sgt. Hill was honored during a retirement party on Nov. 10 at Patrol South where he had served at a First Watch Supervisor.

The Department wishes Richard all the best and he will be missed by his coworkers.



## Department makes promotions in November

The Wichita Police Department made a number of promotions during the month of November.



Detective Carl Hill was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Hill is a 10-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked

as a detective in the Gang/Felony Assault Section. During his career with the Police Department, Sgt. Hill has been the recipient of the Bronze Wreath of Merit and the five-year Safe Driving Award.



Detective Lemuel Moore was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sgt. Moore is a 14-year veteran of the Department

and most recently worked as a detective in the Exploited and Missing Children Unit (EMCU).

During his career with the Police Department, Sgt. Moore has been the recipient of three Bronze Wreaths of Merit, two Distinguished Service Awards and the five and 10-year Safe Driving Award. Sgt. Moore has a Bachelor's degree in Business.



Officer Kenneth Davis has been promoted to the rank of Detective. Detective Davis is a seven-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked as a

first shift beat officer in the Patrol West Bureau. Detective Davis has been the recipient of the Bronze Wreath of Merit, the Civic Achievement Award, and the five-year Safe Driving Award. Detective Davis has a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.

Officer Brad Elmore has been promoted to the rank of Detective. Detective Elmore is an eight-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked as a Special Community Action Team (SCAT) Officer in the Patrol North Bureau.



During his career with the Police Department, Detective Elmore has been the recipient of six Bronze Wreaths of Merit, the Distinguished Service Award and the five-year Safe Driving Award. Detective Elmore has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice.



Officer Addie Perkins has been promoted to the rank of Detective. Detective Perkins is a five-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked

as a Community Police Officer in the Patrol West Bureau. During her career with the Police Department, Detective Perkins has been the recipient of the Bronze Wreath of Merit. Detective Perkins has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Administration of Justice.

## Chief Williams receives 30-year Award

Police Chief Norman D. Williams received a 30-year service award from the City of Wichita during a November City Council workshop.

Mayor Carlos Mayans, City Manager George Kolb and City Councilman Carl Brewer all expressed thanks to Chief Williams for the outstanding job he does as the Chief of Police, and for faithfully serving the community and the citizens of Wichita for 30 years.



## Patrol North and Union Rescue Mission partner at Thanksgiving

The Patrol North Bureau and the Union Rescue Mission partnered again this year to make sure that families with limited resources had a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

Many programs require that citizens come to a certain location in order to apply for resources or pick up food items, according to Julie Wedan, Union Rescue Mission. "We will be delivering meals to needy citizens who don't have a

car or phone and can't access resources through traditional means," she said.

Wichita Police Officers identified families



in need that otherwise might not have a Thanksgiving dinner, and the Union Rescue Mission, in addition to their usual weekly food box outreach, provided an abundant food box for each family.

The Union Rescue Mission delivered the food boxes to Patrol North on Nov. 22, and Police Officers then delivered the food boxes to the families.

## Neighborhood Watch appreciates officer response and follow up

Dear Officers,

I/we wish to express our great appreciation for your actions - both on the night of the DV 911 call at XXXX N. Market St. and in your follow-up responses to my/our concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to contact us and, explain what did happen, and fill in the missing pieces for us. It is never an easy thing to witness and to then fear that it continued unabated. We are greatly

relieved to know that the Police did intervene and put a stop to it.

I will share with the other Neighborhood Watch members that the Wichita Police Officers were called for a serious problem and responded efficiently and effectively. I know they will be very happy to hear such positive news.

I understand that we may be called as witnesses - not a nice thing to have to witness against

a next-door neighbor, but we are prepared to do so.

We do place our share of calls to 911 - we are two concerned citizens, and a couple of "snoopy old ladies," but, hey, snoopy old ladies sometimes save lives. Right?!?

Sincerely,

J.L.D.  
XXXX N. Market St

## WPD members serving military duty

Detective Kelly O'Brien, EMCU, and Officer A.J. Warthen, Patrol North, are currently fulfilling their military obligation and would love to hear from their fellow WPD members.

Department members can write to Kelly and A.J. at:  
1733 Pleasanton  
Bldg. 503  
Fort Bliss, TX 79916



Detective Kelly O'Brien and Officer A.J. Warthen

# Identified crime trend leads to quick identification and capture of burglar



Last summer 45 Beat Coordinator Judi Jones discovered that several sheds on the 45 beat had been buglarized.

She was contacted by Mr. Eric Williams of the Ken Mar Neighborhood Association about the burglaries, and she learned from him that a man stopped by and offered to tell him where his stolen items were.

Having already started working on the burglary trend, Officer Jones had a mug line up prepared and she had Mr. Williams look at it. He quickly picked out the suspect, and Officer Jones forwarded the information to the Burglary Section and the Pawn Shop Unit.

The Pawn Shop Unit found that the identified suspect had pawned property from other reported burglaries. Meanwhile, Officer Jones and her beat team communicated the information with each other and with the residents in the area.

In early September, Officer Jones and Detective Danny Farlow presented information on the burglary crime trend at a Neighborhood Association meeting. A warrant had been issued for the identified suspect and residents were asked to be on the look out for him.

Three days after the meeting, Officers Larry Carlson, Bradley Harris and Anthony Klumpp located and arrested the suspect.

He was interviewed by Detectives and subsequently charged with burglary and felony theft. He was convicted and sentenced to probation.

Officer Jones did several key things during the investigation that were noteworthy. When taken in the whole they exemplify the Chief's saying of "serving in the spirit of community."

First, Officer Jones identified a crime trend within her response zone. The sheds that she noticed were being buglarized had similar thefts of power tools and yard equipment. Her concerns were legitimized when Mr. Eric Williams called her.

A key factor is that Mr. Williams knew who to call about the issue. Officer Jones had been recently reassigned and this shows that she took the reassignment seriously and got to know her new neighborhood quickly.

Officer Jones analyzed and researched the crimes and identified potential suspects. It was at that point that she happened upon the

name of Steve Reed. He stood out as he lived in the area and had numerous priors.

During her conversation with Mr. Williams it was evident that he could probably identify a suspect from a mug lineup, and that is precisely what happened. Mr. Williams identified Steve Reed as the man who had approached him.

Officer Jones then worked with the Investigations Division and when the Pawn Shop Unit identified that the suspect had pawned property from two other burglaries, the Burglary Detectives made the suspect a priority.

Officer Jones was also instrumental in coordinating the Neighborhood Association meeting and soliciting help from Detective Farlow.

Officer Jones continued to work with the victims and detectives to identify and charge Mr. Reed with the burglaries. She has kept a very detailed and precise record of all events and activities she did during this case. Her complaint listed dates and times she did things and also the original emails that were logged between her and detectives. In looking at the file, it is a textbook example of how officers should track their activities.

WPD stresses that the beat team strategy is vital in combatting crime, and Officer Jones sets a fine example of outstanding beat management.





## City of Wichita

**Patrol West Beat Coordinators met in November to review the "State of the Beats" in west Wichita.**

## State of the Beat



## To Catch A Thief . . . . .

Around 4 a.m. on Nov. 2, Officer Rick Bachman arrested J.B., a well-known serial burglar, on an outstanding traffic warrant.

At the time of arrest, J.B. had a speed loader with six bullets on his person. The speed loader matched the description of one that was stolen in a burglary.

Lt. Barry Von Fange, Commander of the Burglary Section, had been tracking a crime trend that coincidentally started on May 6, 2005, two days after J.B. had been released from prison.

Even after dogged pursuit by the Burglary Section and Field Services Officers, J.B. eluded capture. His modus operandi made him a particularly difficult burglar to catch.

J.B. has a long and impressive property crimes history. He has been arrested and convicted of burglary five times since 1983, so

he is very experienced when it comes to police tactics.

Lt. Von Fange and Field Services continued to doggedly pursue J.B. in an attempt to catch him in a burglary.

However, J.B. was conducting counter-surveillance, moving around for several hours at a time to different locations in different cars.

When this effort proved unsuccessful, Lt. Von Fange contacted Assistant City Attorney Ted Griffith and told him about several recent citations and arrests for traffic violations that J.B. had incurred. Mr. Griffith advised that he would look into J.B.'s traffic record to see if he could be considered a habitual offender, and that it might be possible that J.B. could get up to six months of jail time depending on how many times he has been convicted of driving while suspended.

Mr. Griffith found several citations that could be amended to a suspended DL, because J.B.'s DL was suspended at the time but he was not charged or arrested for that violation.

Mr. Griffith said he would amend those charges and if J.B. were found guilty on a new charge this would be enough to keep him in jail for at least six months.

After a brain storming session with SIB, Sgt. Dan East contacted Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch who agreed to file Federal charges against J.B. for the speed loader and ammo that J.B. was caught with on Nov. 2.

Lt. Von Fange believes that J.B. is responsible for more than 50 nonresidential burglaries in the city of Wichita and hopes that a Federal charge will keep J.B. off the streets for a long time.